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USDA MEASURES VEGETABLE CHEMICAL USAGE

PHOENIX – Sept. 14, 2018 – Beginning next week, interviewers from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will be visiting Arizona vegetable growers in order to gather information for the Vegetable Chemical Use Survey.

The survey will collect information on pesticides and fertilizers used, acres treated and rates applied to targeted vegetable crops. In addition to Arizona, 18 other states will also hear from NASS, as the agency collects comprehensive U.S. vegetable production practice information.

"Participation in the Vegetable Chemical Use Survey is vital to all participants in this key agricultural sector," said Bill Meyer, Director, Mountain Regional Field Office. "Responses from vegetable growers will help ensure that chemicals critical to crop production remain available on the market."

NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified.

Survey results will be published in NASS's online database, *Quick Stats*, in July 2019. This database and all NASS reports are available on the agency's web site: www.nass.usda.gov. For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Mountain Regional Field Office at (800) 392-3202.

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